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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN PRESS REACTION T SECRETARY'S LETTER AND DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENTS ON CONSULTATIONS.

1. SUMMARY. SECRETARY'S JANUARY 27 LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER DOMINATED FRONT PAGES OF VIRTUALLY ALL MAJOR PAPER JANUARY 28 WITH CONSIDERABLE FOLLOW UP COVERAGE JAN UARY 29 STIMULATED BY SECRETARY'S SUBSEQUENT ENCOUNTER WITH BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO. FOREIGN MINISTER ISSUED (WITH WHAT PRESS CALLED OSTENTATION") BRIEF RELEASE SUMMARIZING LETTER'S MAIN POINTS AND CITING SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN CONSULTATION ON NUCLEAR QUESTION. REAFFIRMATION BY DEPARTMENT'S PRESS SPOKESMAN OF US COMMITMENT TO CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP ALSO RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE. IN GENERAL, PRESS SAW PRINCIPAL SIGNIFICANCE EITHER IN LETTER AS FIRST CONFIRMATION OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS AT HIGH LEVEL TO CONTINUE ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST BRAZIL-FRG NUCLEAR AGREEMENT. SOME REPORTS SPECULATED THAT THESE CONSULTATION COULD BRING SECRETARY HIMSELF TO BRAZIL. END SUMMARY.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED BRIEF PRESS RELEASE JANUARY 27 IMMEDIATE
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MEDIATELY FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF LETTER BY AMBASSADOR SUMMARIZING THREE PRINCIPAL POINTS IN SECRETARY'S LETTER AND TAKING NOTE OF SECRETARY'S DESIRE WITH REGARD TO THE NUCLEAR QUESTION, THAT THESE CONSULTATION MAY PERMIT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. (THE ESTADO DO SAO PAULO COMMENTED THAT ITAMARATY HAD MADE THE RELEASE WITH GREAT OSTENTATION). IN GENERAL, PRESS AND TV QUOTED OR

GAVE ADEQUATE PARAPHRASE OF RELEASE WITH FEW ADDITIONAL COMMENTS. NEWS FREQUENTLY COUPLED WITH DEPARMTMENTS SPOKEMAN BROWNS STATEMENTS OF SAME DATE AFFIRMING US INTENTION TO CONTINE THE CONSUTATIVE PROCESS. FIRST PAPERS AVAIABLE EARLY JANUARY29 CARRIED FRONT PAGE REPORTS ON SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO, WHICH GENERALLY INTERPRETED AS KEEPING THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY INFORMED OF THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO SILVEIRA.

3. EMPHASIS OF STORIES HOWEVER, VARIED SOMEWHAT. (A) ESTADO DE SO PAULO HEADLINED THAT SEC VANCE PROPOSED A CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH MINISTER SILVEIRA TO FOCUS ON NUCLEAR ISSUES. TEXT OF STORY QUOTED DEPARTMENT AS ACKNOWLEDGING USG HAS BEEN MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH GOB ON BRAZIL-FRG AGREEMENT AND FOREIGN MINISTRY AS DENYING THAT SUCH CONTACT HAD TAKEN PLACE. DESIRE OF US TO KEEP CONSUTATION WITH GOB ACTIVE AND CONTINUING US OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS ALSO RECEIVED HEAVY PLAY IN ESTADO. (B) JOURNAL DO BRAZIL HEADLINED THAT SEC VANCE TOLD BRAZIL THAT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WILL BE MAINTAINED. UNIQUE ASPECTS OF ITS PRESENTATION WERE STATEMENTS ATRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES THAT GOB WOULD MAKE POSITIVE REPLY TO VANCE LETTER THROUGH AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO WITHON 24 HOURS AND THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH

STORY STATED HAD RECEIVED IT WITH "RELIEF" NOW BELIEVES PRESSURES WILL BE REDUCED THROUGH DIRECT DISCUSSIONS OF NUCLEAR ISSUE AND NOT PUSHED TO EXTREMES. SUBSEQUESNT REPORTS ON JANUARY 29 HOWEVER, SPECULATED THAT GOB WOULD NOT REPLY IMMEDIATELY TO VANCE LETTER SINCE THE MATTER REQUIRED EXTENSIVE, HIGH LEVER GOB DELIBERATION. (C) FOLHA DE SAO PAULO GAVE LOW KEY PRESENTATION UNCLASSIFIED

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HEADED BY HEADLINE THAT US AFFIRMS THAT BRAZIL WILL CONTINUE TO BE HEARD.

ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT ADDED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY DEPARTMENT SOURCES THAT USG (WHITE HOURSE) WOULD BE RELEASING AN OFFICIAL NOTE ON STATE OF RELATION BETWEEN US FRG AND BRAZIL ON NUCLEAR PROBLEMS EITHON ONE OR TWO DAY. (D) LOCAL BRASILIA PRESS GAVE DIREGENT TREATMENT: JOURNAL DE BRASILIA HEADLINED "ATOM COULD BRING CANCE TO BRAZIL" WITH STRAIGHTFORWARD TEXT BASED ON PRESS RELEASE. CORREIO BRAZIIANENSE HEADLINED CHARGE THAT US IS PLAYING "DOUBLE GAME": SEC VANCE LAUDS RELATION WITH BRAZIL BUT DOESN'T SPEAK OF RETREAT (FROM OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR AGREEMTN). TEXT SAW DOUBLE SIGNIFICANCE IN US INITIATIVES: 1) RECONIGNITION OF IMPORTANCE OF RELATION WITH BRAZIL AND VALIDATION OF CONSUTATIVE MECHANISM; BUT (W) USE OF MECHANISM TO EDUCATE BRAZIL ON NUCLEAR POLICY AND TO PRESSURE FOR CHANGES IN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH FRG. (E) GAZETA MERCANTIL FOCUSED ON BOTH BROWN STATEMENTS AND FOREIGNMINISTRY PRESS RELEASE. TEXT QUOTED FORIGN MINISTRY SOURCES AS STATING THAT US INITIATIVE WAS ONLY OFFICIAL CONTACT FROM NEW ADMINISTRATION AND THAT THERE

HAD NOT BEEN ANY WORD FROM FRG ON RECENT EVENTS.

4. IN EDITIONS DAY FOLLOWING RELEASE OF SECRETARY'S LETTER PRESS
HAD STILLNOT REACTED WITH EDITORIAL COMMENT OR ANALYSIS. JORNAL DO
BRASILIA ON JANUARY 29 CARRIED LEAD EDITORIAL LAUDING THE
SECRETARY'S LETTER AS A STEP TOWARD CLEARING AWAY THE CLOUDS THAT
HAD BEEN GATHERING IN US-BRAZIIAN RELATION, THOUGH IT WARNED THAT
THE DEBATE OF THE NUCLEAR ISSUE HAS A LONG WAY TO GO.
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